

Remarks

With this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have brought the application into conformity with U.S. practice and have added new claims 11-19. No new matter has been introduced.

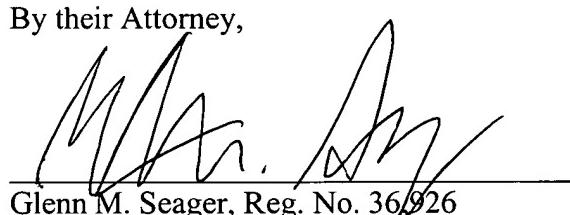
Examination of the claims in due course is respectfully requested. Applications respectfully submit that all pending claims, namely claims 11-19, are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference may be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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